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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Japanese government has determined to continue negotiations with Russia; the discussion is expected to consume a few weeks. —— Directors of the S. A. L. approve the plan to issue five million of three year bonds. —— Senators Simmons and Tillman were the chief speakers yesterday in a discussion of the postoffice frauds in the Senate. —— In the House the sum of $350,000 was made available to meet the emergency caused by the ravages of the cotton boll weevil. —— Twenty men killed and forty others injured by an explosion of dynamite at a mine in Mexico. —— The Far Eastern situation was discussed by President Roosevelt and his cabinet. —— The French government is of opinion that there is still a chance of avoiding a conflict between Japan and Russia. —— Rumor that a collision between the Russian and Japanese fleets had occurred in the straits of Corea is discredited. —— The result of the city election in Memphis is still in doubt. —— Surgeons who serve the S. A. L. are in convention at Jacksonville, Fla. —— Engineer Tim Welch was killed in a collision of freight trains on the Atlantic Coast Line, near Orange Park, Florida. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call easy at 2½@2½ per cent; cotton quiet at 13 20c; flour was firm at old prices; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red $1; corn—spot firm, No. 2 54½c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 42½; rosin firm; spirits turpentine strong at 62½@63c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 8.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 34 degrees 8 P. M., 44 degrees: maximum, 51 degrees: minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .02; rainfall since first of the month to date, .62 inch.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—For North Carolina: Fair Saturday and Sunday, fresh west winds.

A fire proof theatre is not danger-proof for the reason that the panic-proof audience has yet to be discovered, says the Newport News *Press*.

The Charlotte *Observer* makes the announcement that its circulation during the year 1903 averaged more than 5,700. The *Observer* is a "good-un" and deserves success.

If Japan had a Stonewall Jackson and a Bedford Forrest she might go to war with Russia with absolute confidence. Two such Generals would keep the Russians guessing as to whether they were to be attacked in front or rear, or both.

It is said that Pedro Alvardo, the eccentric millionaire of Parral, Mexico, distributed a carload of silver dollars, amounting to more than $100,000, among the poor people of Parral and adjacent mining camps on Christmas day.

During the last twenty-five years tens of millions of dollars have been thrown away in this country on so called world's fairs and expositions. And the good this money could have done in the work of charity and education is incalculable.

There is nothing more barren of good results than newspaper controversy. It is rarely conducted on a high plane, and too often is a positive imposition on the subscribers, who value news more highly than they do an airing of personal grievances.

Rockefeller has given $13,600,000 to the Chicago University and it has accomplished less for real education, morality and religion than has any similar investment made since the world began. This pet of the oil king is very generally known now as the freak university.

No doubt the order of Mayor Harrison, temporarily closing the theatres of Chicago, was the right thing to do, but it is working hardships on many folks all the same. It is estimated that 10,000 people were thrown out of employment by the shut up, involving a daily loss of something like $40,000.

The ten dollar tax on non-resident gunners is a small matter of itself, but when the "incidentals" are figured up at the end of the season it is probably found that each partridge killed has cost $200 or more. The most expensive item to these Northern gunners is their remarkable skill in shooting holes in the air.

Macon *Telegraph*: A 99 year old Texan, of Texarkana, was married on New Year's day to a young maiden of 33. This is a remarkable record, but it does not match that of the French lady who is said to have lived till she was 160 and not to have married until she was 120. So far as we know, history is silent as to what manner of man it was who took her to wife at that ripe age. He could have hardly been her senior, and was probably a gay lad of seventy five or eighty. In the matter of marriages wonders never cease.

AFFAIRS ON WHARF.

Spirits Turpentine and Rosin Have Advanced in Price Since the Cold Snap.

SPIRITS SELLING AT 58 1-2c.

A Ship Which Has Been Detained Because of Desertion of Her Crew Sailed Yesterday--Two Schooners Arrived and One Cleared.

Spirits turpentine sold in the Wilmington market yesterday at 58½ cents per gallon and closed firm at that price. This is an advance of 3½ cents per gallon over the last sales. Rosin also advanced another 5 cents and closed firm at $3.20 per barrel of 280 pounds. Rosin has advanced 10 cents a barrel this week. At the first of the week rosin was selling at $3.10 and spirits at 55 cents.

For the week ending yesterday, the receipts of cotton at the port of Wilmington were 1,978 bales, compared to 9,136 bales the corresponding week in January last year.

The season's receipts of cotton since September 1st have been 293,855 bales against 283,143 bales during the corresponding period the previous season. The exports for the same period have been 268,886 bales.

AMONG THE SHIPPING.

C. D. Maffitt on yesterday cleared the American schooner William H. Skinner, Capt. Harrison, light, for Georgetown, S. C.

The American schooner Harry Messer, Capt. Garland, arrived in port yesterday from Boston, and is consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

The American schooner Mary Lee Patton, Captain Steelman, arrived in port yesterday from Baltimore with a cargo of fertilizers for the Armour Company. The vessel is consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

The American schooner Adie Thackera, Captain McKeen, which cleared for New York some days ago, sailed yesterday. She was detained here because her crew deserted and the captain had to sign another crew from Norfolk. She carried a cargo of 11,300 cross-ties.

LOCAL DOTS.

— There are a few cases of small pox in Pender county.

— The Rev. Oscar Powers, of Lakewood, Ky., will preach at the First Baptist church to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

— The Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach at Pearsall's school house, East Wilmington, Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock.

— The Atlantic Coast Line has given out the contract for a new brick department at Vineland to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

— The overhead bridges spanning Red Cross street and connecting the main building of the Atlantic Coast Line with the new building just across the street, is about completed.

— The Sunday school of Brooklyn Baptist church had its postponed Christmas entertainment last night at the church. Numerous presents and good things were distributed to the children, and there was a nice programme.

MAGNIFICENT SILVER.

Will be Used in the Production of "The Earl of Pawtucket."

There are seventy-six pieces of silver used in the breakfast scene in "The Earl of Pawtucket," which will be seen at the Academy Monday night, and they are real silver, too. The pattern is the same as that in use at the famous hyphenated hotel, and there is just as much silver in each article—the same silversmiths having furnished them. In fact, the manager of the Waldorf-Astoria loaned Mr. La Shelle the silver necessary to set the scene for the first two weeks of "The Earl's" run, as the silversmiths were unable to supply the order by the date set for the opening of the play.

The sale of seats will commence at Plummer's this morning.

CORPORATION COMMISSION.

Day Fixed for Hearing Exceptions by A. C. L. Concerning Connections.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8.—The Corporation Commission fixes Tuesday, January twelfth, as the day for hearing exceptions by the Atlantic Coast Line to the recent order that the Coast Line change the schedule of their southbound afternoon train thirty minutes so as to connect at Selma with the westbound Southern. Tuesday, January nineteenth, is named for a further hearing of the petition of citizens of Charlotte that the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern be forced to provide a Union depot for that city.

Carrington Gennella Stone Company, of Sanford, is chartered with $50,000 capital to do quarry work, contract for construction. R. E. Carrington, and Jno. Gonnella are the principal incorporators.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Haar—New embroideries.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Embroidery sale.
Hall & Pearsall—Butter and cheese.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—A boy.

— Mr. A. Oettinger, Goldsboro, spent yesterday in the city.

THE SINGING MASTER.

Prof. Leonard Will Resume Work Among Public Schools of New Hanover. Differences Reconciled.

Some days ago it was stated that Prof. J. S. Leonard, of Statesville, the singing master who has been engaged for the past six months in teaching music in the public schools of New Hanover county, had declined to come back this year. The reason of his declination was because the County Board of Education wanted him to take in the schools one after another until he went the rounds, whereas he insisted on remaining several days with a group of schools and then go to another group for several days until he had taken in all the schools.

The Board of Education has, however, receded from its method and wrote Prof. Leonard that he could return and follow his method. He has, therefore, written from Statesville to inform Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, to say that he will return and resume his work among the schools January 11th.

SCHOOL ADVOCATES WIN.

Injunction Against Collecting the Graded School Tax at Wallace Dissolved.

Last week at Goldsboro Judge Allen heard argument on the application to make permanent the temporary injunction to restrain the levy of the special tax voted at Wallace for the maintenance of a graded school. Parties who opposed the tax sought to nullify the tax election on the ground that in levying a special tax exclusively for a white school the negro was discriminated against. J. O. Carr, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, argued the motion for the petitioners, and H. L. Stevens, Esq., of Warsaw, and R. G. Grady, Esq., of Wilmington, made argument for the dissolution of the injunction.

On Thursday Judge Allen dissolved the injunction and ordered the school tax to be levied and collected by the sheriff. He holds that the election was valed and the tax legal. Wallace will consequently have its graded school continued.

The election for the tax was unanimously carried by the friends of the school, and the effort to thwart the will of the people caused a great deal of feeling. The decision of Judge Allen, therefore, caused considerable jubilation at Wallace, but it is said the report that they will celebrate their victory is a mistake.

Mr. Grady went to Wallace last night.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Which Appear From the Records as Filed Yesterday.

By two deeds recorded yesterday at the office of the Register of Deeds, Junius Davis, Esq., receiver of the failed Bank of New Hanover, transferred to Sol. Sternberger, Jr., the following city property:

For $325, lot fronting 330 feet in the northern line of Wright street and having a depth of 198 feet extending northwardly between Sixth and Seventh streets.

For $350, lot fronting 330 feet in the northern line of Wright street and having a depth of 66 feet extending southwardly between Ninth and Tenth streets; second tract, fronting 330 feet in the southern line of Wright street and having a depth of 66 feet extending southwardly between Tenth and Eleventh streets; third tract, fronting 330 feet in the northern line of Wright street and having a depth of 66 feet extending northwardly between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Bound Over to Court,

In the muncipal court yesterday, Mayor Springer bound William Wilson, a tramp, over to the Superior Court for the larceny of an overcoat, a hat, a muffler, gloves and other articles in the pockets of a coat which he took Thursday night from the rack at the boarding house of Mrs. John J. Kelly, on Third and Market streets. He was committed to jail in default of $100 bail. Tom Branch, who was with Wilson and went with him to sell the coat and articles, was also bound over in a similar bond. They sold the articles to a negro for $3.

The overcoat belonged to Mr. W. E. Daily, who is employed by the Armour Packing Company. The articles were recovered with the exception of the hat, which Wilson says was thrown away.

Week of Prayer.

During the past week, the "Week of Prayer," inaugurated by the evangelical churches, has been observed at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Services have been held every evening at 8 o'clock, will be conducted tonight at the same hour and will close with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., to-morrow night.

The services have been largely attended during the week and have been exceedingly interesting.

Quarantines Lifted.

On yesterday the city health department raised the quarantine at 114 South Second street where little eight year old Beatrice Beardsley has been ill with diphtheria. Quarantine has also been lifted at 616 South Front street where four year old Grace Smith has had a case of scarlet fever. There are still two quarantines in the city, both of scarlet fever.

— Mr. Rod MacRae, of Laurinburg, was in the city on business yesterday.

SUICIDE LAST NIGHT.

George C. Foshee, Blacksmith at Orrell & Alexander's, Swallowed Laudanum.

DIED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

He Was Aged Twenty-five Years and Was a Man of Fine Physique—Leaves a Wife Here—They Came from Augusta, Georgia.

George C. Foshee, a young white man who has been blacksmith for Carroll & Orrell, and up to last night was employed in that capacity by Carroll & Alexander, the well known livery firm, at Third and Princess streets, committed suicide last night by swallowing an ounce of laudanum.

After knocking off from work yesterday afternoon he took some drinks with some of his friends, and at night bought a half pint of whiskey and drank it with a couple of friends at a boarding house at 115 Market street. He told them he was going to put an end to his life and that very soon, and they jollied him about it, not believing that he would do such a rash thing.

Mr. Foshee boarded at 113 Market street, next door to 115, where he spent a short time with his friends, and it is supposed that when he left them to go to his boarding house he swallowed the laudanum while going down stairs. About 9 o'clock he was found lying in a stupor at the foot of the staircase at his boarding house, and was carried to his room where he died shortly afterwards.

Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner of New Hanover county, was summoned, and as it was a clear case of suicide, he did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest. The unfortunate man, it is said, attempted to take his life last summer by taking laudanum.

Mr. Foshee was twenty-five years old and leaves a wife but no children. She, however, expects to become a mother in a few weeks, and his self-destruction leaves her penniless in the midst of strangers. They came here about a year ago from Augusta, Ga., where he has a father, Richard F. Foshee, and a brother and sister.

The suicide was a young man of powerful physique, but his friends say he brooded over small troubles and at times appeared to suffer with melancholia. He is said to have been a fine mechanic.

The distressing news of the young blacksmith's suicide was telegraphed to his father last night and until he is heard from it will not be known whether the remains will be buried here or sent to Augusta.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Regular Meeting of Cape Fear Camp. Sympathy for General Gordon.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, U. C. V., was held last night at the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry. There was quite a good attendance and much interest and enthusiasm was shown as the several questions arose. After calling the roll of officers and the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, Commander Woodward reported that in accordance with the resolution of the December meeting he had corresponded with Division headquarters relative to the suggested Memorial window in the old Blandford church at Petersburg, Va. The adjutant, as usual, reported his official acts, his correspondence, the camp's remittance to New Orleans for the per capita tax and the regular assessment sent to Col. Henry A. London.

Comrade Thos. D. Meares, chairman of the committee making arrangements for the celebration of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday, Jan. 19th, reported the action of his committee, and stated that it had formulated the plans for the celebration, after consultation with the ladies of the U. D. C. and the Sons of Veterans. Gen. Jas. I. Metts will have charge of the parade. Col. Henry A. London, of Pittsboro, will deliver the address at the Academy of Music, the Rev. N. M. Watson, of Grace M. E. church, will make the prayer, and Col. Jno. D. Taylor will deliver, in behalf of the ladies, the Crosses of Honor. The Wilmington Light Infantry, the Naval Reserves and the Boys' Brigade will appear in the parade and participate in a splendid luncheon to be given in the the City Hall after Col. London's address. During the parade the Naval Reserves will fire the national salute of twenty-one guns. Full particulars will be published in time. Announcement of General Gordon's illness was made, and many heartfelt expressions of sympathy were exchanged.

Installation of Officers.

Last night Hanover Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F. installed the following officers for the ensuing term:

S. P. G.—A. Silverman.
N. G.—Ed. F. Lewis.
V. G.—J. A. Jordan.
Rec. Sec.—S. G. Hall.
Fin. Sec.—C. F. Williams.
Treas.—W. H. Howell.
O. G.—M. C. Rayner.
I. G.—C. McD. Jones.
War.—J. O. Jones.
Con.—E. H. Dement.
R. S. N. G.—J. L. Bremer.
L. S. N. G.—S. D. Bryant.
R. S. V. G.—F. B. Dosher.
L. S. V. G.—Jas. Swinson.
R. S. S.—Jno. E. Batcheler.
L. S. S.—C. A. Berends.
Chap.—J. M. Howell.

— Mr. Willie Smith went back to the A. & M. College, Raleigh, yesterday.

COAST LINE SCHEDULE.

Important Change to Go Into Effect To-morrow—Some Changes in Arrival and Departure of Trains.

An important change in the schedule of the Atlantic Coast Line will go into effect to-morrow. Notice to that effect was sent out yesterday by General Passenger Agent W. J. Craig, and the official schedule will appear in the STAR to-morrow morning.

According to the new schedule the trains bound north will leave Wilmington at 9:30 A. M. as heretofore, and at 6:30 P. M. instead of 7 P. M. as formerly. Trains from the north will arrive here at 10:10 A. M. and 6 P. M. as formerly.

Trains going south will leave Wilmington at 6 A. M. as formerly, and at 3:30 P. M. instead of 3:45 P. M. as has lately been the schedule. Trains from the south will arrive at 1:40 P. M. as now, and at 11:45 P. M. instead of 11:30 P. M.

On the A. & Y. branch, for Fayetteville and Sanford, trains will leave Wilmington at 9:10 A. M. instead of 9:30 P. M. and arrive at 8 P. M. instead of 7:45 P. M.

The trains for Newbern will leave here at 3:35 P. M., and arrive here from Newbern at 12:15 P. M.

There will be changes all along the line at various points, so watch out for the schedule to be printed to-morrow.

SAD OCCASION.

Funeral of the Lamented Mrs. H. C. McQueen—At Rest in Oakdale.

The funeral of the lamented Mrs. Mary Agnes McQueen, beloved wife of Mr. H. C. McQueen, who departed this life at 8:30 Thursday morning, took place yesterday forenoon at 11 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. It was an extremely sad occasion and there was in attendance a great throng of bereaved relatives and sorrowing friends to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of her who has entered into rest.

The services were impressively conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, and at the conclusion the remains were followed in grief to Oakdale cemetery where they were consigned to earth. Beautiful floral designs in great profusion were laid by loving hands upon the mound beneath which lies all that is mortal of one of Wilmington's most estimable women.

The following were the pall-bearers: Honorary—Col. K. M. Murchison, Mr. James Sprunt, Mr. C. H. Robinson and Dr. F. H. Russell. Active—Capt T. C. Lewis, Col. Walker Taylor, Captain T. D. Meares, Dr. George Gillette Thomas, and Messrs. M. J. Corbett, James H. Chadbourn, J. C. Stevenson and Mike Cronly.

As a mark of respect, the Murchison National Bank and the People's Savings Bank, of which Mr. McQueen is president, were closed from 11 A. M. to 12 M., the hour of the obsequies. As a token of sympathy for Mr. McQueen, who is chairman of the city Board of Audit and Finance, and as a mark of respect to his deceased wife, the city offices were also closed during the funeral.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Maude Bullock returned to college at Winston-Salem yesterday.

— Miss Hettie Porter, of Emerson, N. C., is the guest of friends in the city.

— Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, made business calls in this city yesterday.

— Mr. R. D. Lewis, of Rocky Mount, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. Burruss Corprew, of Norfolk, who has been here visiting Mr. W. M. Cumming returned home yesterday.

— Mr. Preston Cummings, Jr., has returned to the State University, after having spent the holidays at home.

— Col. W. W. Lumpkin, of Columbia, S. C., the veteran railroad man, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. P. E. Masten, of Winston-Salem, representing the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, is here calling on the trade.

— Mrs. N. F. Parker and her guests, Mrs. N. G. Whitfield, Miss Lena Whitfield and Mrs. Mitchenor, returned yesterday from a visit to Southport.

— Mr. Geo. F. Catlett went to Raleigh yesterday to report for duty in the assay department of the Commissioner of Agriculture, which position he recently accepted.

— Mr. George W. Brunson, Jr., editor of the *Evening Dispatch*, received a dispatch yesterday announcing that his grandmother, Mrs. R. C. Stephens, died Thursday night at an advanced age, at Brunson, S. C.

— Florence *Times* Jan. 7th: Dr. and Mrs. Tracy Ivey, of Texas, spent last night at the home of Mrs. Del Williams, on their way home from Wilmington, their former home.

Pennsylvania Minister to Preach.

The Rev. J. H. Orr, of Ridgeway, Pa., arrived in the city last evening and will preach in German at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheren Church Sunday at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. in English. The Rev. Mr. Orr is the guest of Mr. J. H. Rehder. He will be in Wilmington till Tuesday.

POSTMASTERSHIP.

Importance of One Letter in the Alphabet to Former Governor Russell.

DID MISS DARBY PAY HIS WAY?

She Says that He Got Money from Her to Go to Washington in Her Interest Governor Russell Says He Borrowed It --His Note to Her

[*Raleigh Post.*]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. — Miss Mary C. Darby, Wilmington's post master, has accepted the challenge of ex-Governor Russell and made public the letter in which she declared he furnished written proof of her charge that she provide the ex-Governor with expense money to meet the cost of his trip to Washington. Here is a copy of the letter as received in Washington to-day.

"Miss Mary: I will go to Washington Thursday night. Robinson will go with me. Please send me $100, and send by Mrs. Sawyer.

"Yours truly,
(Signed) "D. L. RUSSELL."

There is apparently a variance of opinion as to the contents of the letter, which arises from the fact that the ex-Governor's chirography is interpreted differently from the manner in which he says it was recorded. One letter of the alphabet, according to Governor Russell, puts an entirely different aspect on the note. Instead of saying "please 'send' me $100" the ex-Governor maintains that he wrote "please 'lend' me $100." While no denial is made by Governor Russell that Miss Darby paid his expenses to Washington some time ago when he came here in her behalf, he maintains that the $100 secured on his recent trip was a loan and that the original of his letter will show as much.

The nomination of Mrs. Russell has not yet been sent to the Senate, though it was predicted that it would be transmitted last Monday. It is not believed that there is any hitch in the appointment. In fact it is known that only the usual official red tape has prevented the transmission of the nomination to the Senate. The opinion is entertained here that a fight will be made on Mrs. Russell's confirmation. While no objection whatever will be made to Mrs. Russell, the fight, it is understood, is to be waged on the ground that she is not a resident of Wilmington and because of the fact that she resides in another county.

GOT MONEY FROM MISS DARBY TWICE.

The Charlotte *Observer* of yesterday refering to Governor Russell's note to Miss Darby says:

The above (the Russell note) was received December 10th, 1903.

"The ex-Governor left the next day. The money, it is stated, was sent to him by Mrs. Sawyer, his niece. Miss Darby says from that day to this she has not seen Governor Russell, or heard a word from him, and yet he was supposed to have gone to Washington in the interest of her re-appointment as postmaster. Last August, it is alleged, he received another $100 from Miss Darby, when he went to Washington to look after the case."

PUBLIC OPINION UNSHAKEN.

The Charlotte *Observer's* Washington correspondent says under day of Washington, January 7th:

It will be recalled that Governor Russell, with a note of defiance in his tone, suggested that Miss Darby, of Wilmington, should publish the letter which he wrote to her before leaving for Washington on his memorable trip. To-night a copy of this note was received in Washington from friends of Miss Darby. The letter reads thus:

"Miss Darby: I will go to Washington Thursday night. Robinson will go with me. Please send me $100. Send by Mrs. Sawyer.

"Yours truly,
"D. L. RUSSELL."

This sententious communication appears to be to the point and to bear Miss Darby out in her claim that she had paid all of Governor Russell's expenses to Washington; and besides the accuracy of the note is sworn to before a notary public. It is understood to be the contention of Governor Russell, however, that the note was written "lend me $100," instead of "send me $100," as stated in a copy of the letter sent to Washington; but the public will perhaps remain in pretty much the same frame of mind, even if the verbiage reputed to Governor Russell should be accepted.

MRS. RUSSELL'S NOMINATION HELD BACK.

[*Raleigh News and Observer, Jan. 8.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Though the nomination of two North Carolina postmasters, John L. Matheson, Wadesboro, and John L. Phelps, Plymouth, were to-day sent to the Senate, the nomination of Mrs. Russell as postmaster at Wilmington is still in the hands of the President. Governor Russell, when asked this morning why it had not been sent in, said he supposed the President was for some cause not yet ready to do so, as he knew of no reason why it should be held up.

Sixty Miles an Hour on the Coast Line.

The Florence (S. C.) *Times* of Jan. 7th, says: Almost a record-breaking run was made yesterday between here and Augusta by Engineer James L. Wysong on the first section of train 35. The distance of 167 miles was covered in four hours and five minutes, which on that road is considered very fine time. The train was local in every respect, every station being included in the stops. Besides this, the train had to come to a dead stop at the railroad crossings and stopped three times to get water. Each stop consumes about three minutes and to get water requires five minutes. Thus it will be seen that a train will have to move at a high rate of speed to make the distance in that time and make all the required stops. The schedule time made by the train, which consisted of engine No. 66 and three cars, was about 60 miles an hour. It is nothing unusual for Engineer Wysong to make sensational runs. The train left here in the morning at 9:25 and arrived in Augusta in time for the crew to get dinner and leave on time returning.

The Mount Olive New Hotel, (Hotel Olivette) will open Jan. 3nd, 1904. Hotel strictly modern. Rates $2.00 per day, special rates by the week.
L. A. PEARTREE, Man. & Prop. tf

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SUITS and Overcoats.

Parents and guardians whose duty it is to look after the comfort and stylish appearance of the boy should by all means see this magnificent display of apparel. All styles are here—two and three piece Suits, Blouse, Norfolk, etc. All manly little Suits, in all stylish colors. Junior Suits for Children, 3 to 7 years old. Boys' Suits, 8 to 16 years old. Youths' Suits, for young men, 16 to 19 years old.

MEN'S SUITS

Suits in a variety of styles, Sacks, double-breasted and three and four-button Suits; all sizes, regulars, stouts and slims. In this masterly display of stylish suits are Tuxedos and full dress suits for formal and informal occasions. We carry the highest class goods of any clothing store in North Carolina.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers,
Sole Agents Strouse Bros. and Kuppenheimer's Fine Clothing.
jan 2 tf Masonic Temple.

New Goods Arriving Daily.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.,
No. 9 North Front Street.
Wilmington, N. C.

Embroidery Sale This Week.

REDUCTION IN MILLINERY.

This week will be Millinery week at our store. The past season has been the most successful season we have had in this department, but we have on hand too many Trimmed Hats, which we are going to sell at just ONE HALF REGULAR PRICE.

Besides this reduction we have marked down all our ready-to-wear Hats Felt Shapes, Feathers and Ornaments No charge will be made for Trimming Hats during this sale. Provided all material is bought in our store. Now is your time to purchase

Ladies' and Children's Jackets! Furs and Muffs.

The remaining stock in this department will be closed out at a loss to us. Rather than carry any over until next season we offer a discount of TWENTY PER CENT. on any article in this department. This includes many fine Jackets which we still have on hand.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

jan 9 tf

New Embroideries

FOR SPRING 1904.

See our window display and inspect our stock and you will doubtless agree that we have a well selected stock.

Examine also our new arrivals in DRESS FABRICS for Spring.

Agents for Peerless Patterns, 5, 10 and 15 cents.

Platt & Haar,

jan 9 tf we ss 114 Market Street.

Church Notices.

First Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Market streets. Rev. Oscar Powers, of Kentucky, will conduct services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. by the Rev. D. F. McGeachy. At this service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. All are cordially invited to these services.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets, Rev. C. W. Trawick pastor, services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Men's prayer meeting at 10:30 A. M. sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. Morning prayer and address, 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:45 P. M. Sunday School, 3.30 P. M.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Young Men's meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Bladen streets, Rev. Geo. R. Webster, pastor. Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, J. B. Taylor, superintendent, 3:30 P. M; Mid-week praise service Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick Sts. Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made in a special proceeding pending therein between Edgar Miller and wife, Nancy Miller, Olivia Waddell and Sophie Miller, plaintiffs, and John Rhew alias John Miller and Lucy Rhew alias Lucy Miller, defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday, the 8th of February, 1904, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, the following described property: Beginning at the southeast corner of Block 264 runs thence westwardly with the line of the north side of Fanning street 83½ feet; thence north and parallel with Anderson street 66 feet; thence East parallel with Fanning street 90½ feet; thence south along the said line on Anderson street 66 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Book 264.

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jan 7 4w thsa Commissioner.

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Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator of A. V. Horrell, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to him to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to file their properly verified claims with me by or before the first day of December, 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This 23rd day of November, 1903.

E. J. W. ANDERS, Administrator,
A. V. Horrell, deceased.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. tu 2w 24 tf

Folding Bed!

For sale a double Folding Bed of Finest Quality, with Springs and Mattress. Everything as good as new. Will be sold for half its value. Has a large Mirror, and when folded is a handsome piece of furniture.

For further information apply at the

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Office of the Treasurer, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 6, 1904.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company have declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company; dividend due and payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1904. The transfer books will stand closed from December 24th, 1903, to January 10th, 1904, both dates inclusive.

JAMES F. POST,
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New stock at old prices. Fancy grades only.

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Special Announcement

Monday, January 11th,

KIRKE LA SHELLE'S COMEDY COMPANY TRIUMPH

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By Augustus Thomas, author of "Arizona" and other successes. An American humorous play of sublimest quality. The original magnificent production guaranteed. Stage furnishings of surpassing elegance.

Prices 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50. Seats on sale Saturday. jan 8 3t.

Annual Meeting

Of the lot owners of Oakdale Cemetery Company will be held at the Company's office, 2 Princess street, Monday evening, January 11th, at 8 o'clock. RICHARD J. JONES,
Jan. 7th, 1904. Sec. and Treas.
jan 8 3t.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 9.

REACTION FROM CAPITAL CENTRALIZATION.

The figures which we printed on Thursday showing the capitalization of industrial consolidations and of new incorporations during the year 1903 exhibited in a striking way the continued reaction which began in 1902 from the centralizing movement of previous years. The total capitalization of industrial consolidations for a period of five years, beginning with 1899, reached nearly $8,000,000,000, and of this only $425,876,000 is to be credited to the last year. This was a recession from $1,122,205,200 in the previous year and $2,805,475,000 in 1901, when the culmination was reached, though this was but little higher than the total of 1899 in spite of the fact that it included the $1,400,000,000 of the great Steel Trust. It shows a decided check to the "trust movement," only partly due to the glutting of the stock market with the inflated "securities" which the public stomach refused to digest. It was in part due also to the failure of some of the combinations in their purposes, apart from the marketing of stocks for the profit of promoters. In many cases the practical and economic results heralded or expected were not attained, and these failures helped to discourage the movement. Besides the new consolidations there were increases of capitalization of old ones amounting to about $150,000,000, but this was attended by reductions in the case of others to the extent of over $100,000,000.

Accompanying this record of a reversal of the movement of consolidating industrial concerns in great combinations, with an expansion of nominal capital, has been an increase in independent corporations, some of which are rivals of the "trusts." This increase began in 1902 and was greater then than in the year just past. The latter fact is doubtless due to a setback in industrial activity during the past year and a consequent check upon organizing new enterprises. In spite of this the capital of new companies which may be classed as rivals of the combinations that aimed at monopolizing business in their several lines, so far as they could, amounted to $105,611,000 for the year, while that of miscellaneous companies which are not to be rated as rivals to the "trusts" reached $1,208,322,000. These figures, while smaller than those for 1902, are considerably in excess of those for the previous years, when the trust movement was in full swing and the business activity that stimulated it was at its height. They indicate a decided reaction from the tendency to centralize capital in vast incorporated combinations, having for their purpose a large control in different productive industries and the suppression of competition. It is to be understood that these figures, which have been carefully gathered during the year, include no incorporations of less than a million dollars capital and apply to industrial companies alone.

Several causes have contributed to the reversal of the centralizing tendency and the reassertion of the principle of competition. Prominent among these is the reckless overcapitalization, the issue of large volumes of inflated stocks by which the attempt was made to absorb capital from the public to be diluted so that large profits might appear as moderate dividends upon a solution of mere air and water. These issues clogged and glutted the stock market, and the water in them grew stagnant. The effect of this was a decline in "values" and difficulty in raising new capital, which discouraged further promotions of the kind that had produced this result. It was seen that great industrial enterprises were hindered instead of being helped by unloading them with securities that would not float. Overcapitalization has done much to check the movement of consolidating and combining, and has proved to be a burden upon the industries which were to be made more effective and profitable by this process. Moreover some of the organizations were made too big to be successfully handled under a centralized direction. There has in most cases been no such economizing of cost or increase of effectiveness as was promised. This, if accomplished, should result in lower prices for the products, but one purpose and effect of the combinations was to keep up prices in order to get profits to spread in interest and dividends over the expanded volume of securities, keeping them afloat and inducing investors to take them up. The inflated capital was a hindrance to lower prices and the maintenance of high prices was a clog to the activity and productiveness of the industries.

The most promising consequence has been the tendency to organize independent companies in the sesame industries, and their ability when properly capitalized to compete with the trusts, and the still stronger tendency, where there was an opportunity for new enterprises, to organize corporations on a moderate basis to prosecute them rather than imitate the trust method of consolidating and absorbing. The period of centralizing appears to be followed by a movement of decentralizing and independent organization, and the effort at monopolizing seems to be succeeded by a revival of the spirit of competition. This is a hopeful sign and exposes the fallacy of the assumption that the springs and motives of human action can be changed by the scheming of financiers, however powerful. The principle of individual initiative, of independence from centralized control, of resistance to monopoly and the insistence upon competition, is asserting itself again in a promising way.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

THE BLOCK SYSTEM.

The recent holocaust of railway accidents came as a curious commentary on the annual report of the railroad commission, published two weeks ago.

The commission urged the adoption of an effective block system for signaling trains, in order to reduce the danger of railroad operation.

The fact that many important railroads are not equipped with adequate signal apparatus is deplored by the commission.

"So far as we can see," the report says, "the best thing to do is to introduce the block system. That is what England has done, and the immunity from collisions on English railroads is so nearly complete, and the casually records so low as to be a powerful argument for its adoption. The commission, therefore, recommmends the consideration of a law like that in force in Great Britain and Ireland, requiring the adoption and use of the block system in the United States, unless some better device can be secured."

This proposed bill is outlined by the Railway World. The measure has been drafted on the theory that the expense necessary for the construction of new signals, or for electrical wires or apparatus necessitated by the use of the block system, as well as the increase in the expense for wages of signalmen, should be distributed over a term of years; and it is proposed, therefore, that each railroad company be required to adopt a block system on one-fourth of its passenger lines by January 1, 1906; on another fourth by January 1, 1907; another fourth one year later, and on the whole by January 1, 1908.

A great many railroads would not be obliged to spend any great amount for the first two years.

The commission is plainly right in its effort to preserve the lives of railway passengers and employes by compelling the use of modern signaling systems. We trust that these efforts will be speedily fruitful.—*Atlanta Journal.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "You'll be sorry some day that you didn't get married." "Well, I'd rather not be married and be sorry I wasn't than be married and be sorry I was."—*Illustrated Bits.*

— "Do you think," he asked, "that we ought to annex Canada?" "No," replied the lovely heiress, "I can't see what good it would do us. They don't have dukes over there."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— First Farmer—I see where some of the members of the Legislature want an extra session called. Second Farmer—I's'pose ther's some job they forgot to put through in the reg'lar session.—*Town and Country.*

— "Larry, you've heard of this talk about 'race suicide.' What do you think about it?" "Well, sor, I think the babies that oughtn't to be born are born the ofteness', begobs!"—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Mrs. Ascum—I'm surprised to find you looking for another servant. I thought you engaged one yesterday. Mrs. Hiram Offen—O! she's a lady's maid. She merely waits on me. I'm looking for another one to wait on her.—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

— Booker—I see a Western Shakespearean scholar has reviewed that old discussion about Bacon. What do you think about it? Booker—Well, all I know is that we have to pay 18 cents a pound now for the same stuff we used to get for 12.—*Phil. Ledger.*

Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief, and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind

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Arrests discharges from the urinary organs in either sex in 48 hours.

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Though Mrs. Mary F. Walborn, of High Point, N. C., is 80 years old and had suffered from rheumatism for 20 years, she was completely cured by RHEUMACIDE, and declares she feels "years younger" and is anxious for "all who are suffering from any of the forms of this dread disease" to try RHEUMACIDE and be cured.

REV. J. R. WHEELER, a noted Methodist minister, of Reisterstown, Md., writes enthusiastically of RHEUMACIDE, which cured him. He is 75 years old and has been in the ministry 50 years.

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"GETS AT THE JOINTS FROM THE INSIDE."

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Mr. Wm. A. Faison, a venerable and useful citizen of Sampson county, is dead, aged 83 years.

— The *News* says that Maud, the six-year old daughter of Sallie Underwood, was burned to death Tuesday morning in Mount Airy.

— The Granham *Gleaner* tells of a 'possum that fattened for three months and served for Christmas dinner that weighed 23½ pounds net.

— J. A. Saunders, of Raleigh, has sued Herbert Dunn, of the same town, for $5,000 damages because Dunn struck Saunders on the head with a nail puller.

— The Newbern *Journal* tells of some unusually large oysters received in that town a few days ago. Sixteen of the oysters filled a quart measure, and they were as fine in quality as they were large in size. They come from planted stock on Core Sound.

— In a freight train wreck near Greensboro on Tuesday thirteen box cars were piled ten feet high in a cut and seventy yards of track torn up. The freight train was going at the rate of fifty miles an hour to let the north bound passenger through, when a wheel on a forward car broke, telescoping the entire train and derailing the engine. No one was injured, except two tramps, who were not seriously hurt.

— Greensboro special to Raleigh *News and Observer*: A man who came into Greensboro on one of yesterday's passenger trains said he saw a sight which caused him to open his eyes. It was two young women engaged in a game of poker with money as the stakes. They played the game with great animation and seemed quite unconscious of the attention which they were drawing on themselves. They dealt in dollars, not pennies or dimes. It was a hot game from start to finish. The passengers witnessed it with eyes wide open with astonishment.

— Raleigh cor. Charlotte *Observer*: The fires in the tobacco towns in the eastern part of the State have attracted the attention of the insurance men. One of these says he gave orders several months ago for the cancellation of all risks on tobacco. There are great quantities of leaf stored in the State, largely bought in the Autumn of 1902, when prices were high, but this tobacco would not now sell for more than half the sum paid for it. The decline in the price of tobacco has been one of the hardest blows ever given that industry east of Raleigh.

— Reidyille *Review*: Mr. John W. Travis, of Pelham, was struck by a train Thursday while rescuing his little five-year old son from death. Both parent and child were crossing the track, when the child became excited at the approach of a locomotive, and leaving his father ran up the track towards the approaching monster. Seeing the peril of his little son, Mr. Travis bounded to the rescue. He threw the child from the track in time to save its life, but was himself struck by the swiftly moving train. He was hurled from the track and considerably bruised and battered, but not seriously injured. The child was scarcely hurt at all.

— Danbury *Reporter*: At a dance at the residence of Mr. Martin, within two miles of the little village of Ayersville, as the dancers swayed forward and backward in the mazes of the Old Virginia reel, John Gann, who sat watching the dance, rose from his seat, drew a 38-calibre revolver from his pocket and fired point blank at Can Martin, as the latter passed him in the reel. The blaze of the weapon burned the ribbon on the head of young Martin's lady partner, and the bullet missing its mark, sped to the opposite side of the room, piercing the brain of Miss Dolly Martin, the young daughter of Mr. Robert Charlotte Martin. The ill-fated victim, scarcely in her teens and reaching the first blush of young womanhood, fell to the floor. The company stood transfixed with horror, as the girl's brains slowly oozed from the ragged wound in her temple. The murderer, eye witnesses say, looked at his victim fully three minutes without moving, then left amid the screams of women and while pandemonium reigned supreme. Gann was jailed.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Recovered Speech and Hearing.

MESSRS. ELY BROS.—I commenced using your Cream Balm about two years ago for catarrh. My voice was somewhat thick and my hearing was dull. My hearing has been fully restored and my speech has become quite clear. I am a teacher in our town. L. G. BROWN, Granger, O.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50c or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

CURRENT COMMENT.

— The latest testimony in favor of Senator Smoot is that he is a rough rider, a cowboy and a Republican. That makes him safe.—*Montgomery Advertiser.*

— The Birmingham *Ledger* says that Alabama is so anxious for the canal it will take the Panama ditch, with its unsavory smell and Roosevelt along with it. Fortunate it is for Alabama and the South that there are a few men like Morgan left. Some of those who speak for the South will lead the world to believe that everything we have or claim to have is for sale.—*Columbia State, Dem.*

— As a mental mellower and expander, the reception abroad has worked wonders. As a result of it all Mr. Bryan, on the eve of his departure for America publicly announces that he found good Americans and good Republicans who are an honor to their country. Mr. Bryan is thus relieved of one of the fears that have distressed him ever since 1896. In his receptions and many felicitous speeches abroad Mr. Bryan has happily exemplified the sentiment that it is a greater thing to be an American than to be a Democrat, Republican or Populist.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

ONE HONEST MAN.

A Student of Human Nature Who Made Use of His Knowledge.

"If I tell the old man that I want to go to a funeral, he will think I am going to the ball game, and then, of course, I shall have to stay here," mused the bookkeeper. "But that won't do at all. I must go. I can't think of staying away from Uncle Joe's funeral. Poor old uncle! He was always kind to me. I'll go if I lose my job for it. But, no; I'll not lose my job. I'll outwit that crusty old Moneybags or my name is not Lewellyn Ledgers." And walking briskly into the private office he addressed the head of the firm as follows:

"I should like to go to the ball game this afternoon, Mr. Moneybags, if you don't mind."

"What's that?" snapped his employer, glaring at him over his gold rimmed spectacles.

"I should like to go to the ball game this afternoon, sir. I haven't seen one since last summer."

"The ball game?" Mr. Moneybags fairly gasped with astonishment.

"Yes, sir. You see, I've got a little money up on the game, and naturally I am interested in the result."

"Well, you are a most original young man," replied Mr. Moneybags, "and I like your straightforward manner. Now, if you had attempted to palm off on me any of those time worn lies about going to a funeral or anything of that sort I would have refused point blank. As it is, I shall let you go. You have been working hard of late, and I think a little recreation will do you good."

As Mr. Ledgers put on his coat and prepared to leave the office the typewriter girl heard him chuckle quietly to himself and say:

"Honesty is the best policy, I don't think."—New York Journal.

An Approving Voice.

They were eloping and the stern parent was supposed to be in pursuit.

But he wasn't.

On the contrary, a telegram awaited them at the next station.

"Is it forgiveness?" asked the agitated youth as he handed it to the angelic one.

She read it through and burst into tears.

Then the startled youth took it and read it aloud:

"Your mother and I offer congratulations. Your hasty action meets with our entire approval. We can now carry out a plan that we have long contemplated and that was delayed only because we had you with us. In other words, we are about to break up housekeeping and go into a flat!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hard to Understand.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "did you say you played the favorite in that race?"

"That's what I said," was the rather gloomy rejoinder.

"Well, I don't pretend to know much about such things, but I really cannot understand why a horse that makes itself so unpopular should be called a favorite."—Washington Star.

Injustice.

After a brief but spirited interview with his father in the basement Willie emerged with tears in his eyes and rubbing himself on the places where it still hurt.

"I hate him!" he exclaimed. "He says I've got an ungovernable temper, and yet he thrashes me 'cause I can't govern it."—Chicago Tribune.

Heals and Soothes

The Throat.

For three years I have been troubled with my throat. A burning sensation would come over me in the early morning and last for several hours. I have been taking Cheney's Expectorant for a week. My throat is almost healed and the irritation no longer worries me. It is a great medicine.

W. N. FRANCIS.

Baltimore, Md.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, January 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm with sales at 58½c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 54½c; rosin firm at $1.40@1.45; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 3.80@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	4
Rosin	245
Tar	50
Crude turpentine	14

Receipts same day last year—30 casks spirits turpentine, 5 barrels rosin, 133 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market dull at 12.75c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8½c for middling.

Receipts—160 bales; same day last year, 846.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 13½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Money on call easy at 2½@3% per cent., lowest 1¾ per cent., closing bid 1¾ per cent., offered at 2; time loans easy; sixty days 4¾@4¾ per cent; ninety days 4¾@4¾ per cent, six months 4½@4¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484.83@485 for demand and 481.85@481.90 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 483½@483 and 485½@486. Commercial bills 481½@481¾. Bar silver 57½. Mexican dollars 43¾. U.S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 105¾; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 105¾; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 108½; do. coupon, 106½; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133; do. coupons 133¼; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 107½; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 107¾; U.S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 111¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 90; Chesapeake & Ohio 32½; Manhattan L 143¼; New York Central 119¼; Reading 44¼; do. 1st preferred 77¾; do. 2nd preferred 58¾; St. Paul 142¾; do. pref'd, 177; Southern Railway 19½; do. pref'd 78¾; Amalgamated Copper 50½; People's Gas 97¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 36¼; U. S. Leather 7¾; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76¼; Western Union 87¼; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 56½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 38¾; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 99; sales — shares. Standard Oil 665.

BALTIMORE, MD, Jan. 8.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10½@10½; do. preferred, 19@20; do. bonds, fours, 67½@67¾. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 106½@107½; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine strong at 62½@63c.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 8.—Spirits turpentine steady at 58½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels; A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 20, E, $2 35; F, $2 35; G, $2 30; H, $2 55; I, $2 75; K, $3 80; M, $3 85; N, $3 00; W G, $3 20; W W $3 45.

SAVANNAH, Jan. 8.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 59c; receipts 144 casks; sales 26 casks; exports 50 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,046 barrels; sales 2,470 barrels; exports 50 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 25; D, $2 30; E, $2 40; F, $2 45; G, $2 55; H, $2 70; I, $2 95; K, $3 05; M, $3 15; N, $3 25; W G, $3 35; W W $3 75.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of thirteen to twenty-one points, with trading quite active and the improvement chiefly due to a rise of twenty-one to twenty-two points in the Liverpool market. The market continued for the most part to rule strong on smaller receipts, which fell below early estimates, while the amount into sight for the week amounted to 310,349 bales, against 350,905 last year. Speculation was more largely on New Orleans account in proportion to the general total as the New Orleans Cotton Exchange was closed. Trading was quiet until after noon, when prices advanced on reports of still more peaceful tendency to affairs in the Far East. Large orders came from the Southern markets, with spot centres showing decided strength, some reporting still higher prices, but in all cases they were quiet. The total sales reached 400,000 bales, with the market finally very steady at a net rise of twenty-three to twenty-eight points, about the best of the day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Cotton quiet at 13.40c; net receipts 1,135 bales; gross receipts 6,843 bales; stock 73,442 bales.

Cotton futures closed very steady: January 13.00, February 13.13, March 13.29, April 13.40, May 13.52, June 13 51, July 13.55, August 13.09.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 30 points higher; middling uplands 13.40; middling gulf 13.65c; sales 1,500 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 32,309 bales; exports to Great Britain 384 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 14,122 bales; exports to Japan 1,363 bales; stock 881,318 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 230,350 bales; exports to Great Britain 66,734 bales; exports to France 35,171 bales; exports to the Continent 125,235 bales; exports to Japan 2,438 bales; exports to Mexico 100 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,458,026 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,599,086 bales; exports to France 548,766 bales; exports to the Continent 1,766,801 bales; exports to Japan 30,918 bales; exports to Mexico 18,544 bales.

Jan 8.—Galveston, firm at 13 15-16, net receipts 7,900 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 850 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.80c, net receipts 3,696 bales; Boston, quiet at 13.10, net receipts 50 bales; Wilmington, nominal at 12.75, net receipts 160 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 13.65c, net receipts 75 bales; Savannah, firm at 12¾, net receipts 2,746 bales; New Orleans, firm at 13¼c, net receipts 13,854 bales; Mobile, nominal at —, net receipts 263 bales; Memphis, steady at 13¼c, net receipts 1,340 bales; Augusta, dull at 13 3-16, net receipts 316 bales; Charleston, steady at 12¾c, net receipts 431 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Flour was firm at old prices. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red $1 00. Options had a weak opening on bearish cables and higher consols, but had recovered by midday owing to fresh war news, coupled with a "Modern Miller" report. Later the market yielded to realizing and closed irregular at net unchanged prices. Sales—May closed 90¼c; July closed 87½c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 54½c. The options market opened easy with wheat but rapidly advanced on a good cash demand West light country offerings and the noon war scare. The close was firm at ½c net advance; May closed 53¼c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 42½c. Options nominal. Lard easy; Western steam $7 35; refined easy; continent $7 35. Pork quieter. Tallow quiet. Butter steady; extra creamery 24; State dairy 15@21. Cheese steady; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12; late made 10½; small white, September 12; late made 10½. Eggs unsettled; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 39c. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 5c; other domestic 3@5½. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 25@2 65; Jerseys $2 12@2 50; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage firm; domestic, per ton, $15 00@25 00; per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3c; centrifugal 96 test 3½; molasses sugar 2¾c; refined quiet. Molasses firm; Orleans open kettle, good to choice 31@37. Cotton seed oil was dull but continued steady on firm Southern news. Closing quotations: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 30c; prime summer yellow 37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, January 8.—In a see-saw market to-day delay in harvesting in Argentina and an unfavorable report of a battle in the Far East were perhaps the principal news factors. Closing prices were firm, with May wheat at exactly last night's figures. May corn is up ½@¾c. Oats, like wheat, closed on a level with last night. Provisions are 7½ to 22½c lower.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Cash prices: Flour—Market steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 74@83c; No. 2 red 83¼@87¾. Corn—No. 2 44c; No. 3 yellow 46¾. Oats—No. 2 36¾@37¼; No. 3 white 36¾@38¾. Rye—No. 2 52½@53c. Mess pork, per bbl. $13 00@13 12½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 70@6 72½. Short rib sides, loose, quoted at $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May 86¾, 87¾@87¾, 86¾, 87¼@87¾c; July 81¾@82¼, 82¾@83, 81¾, 82¼c; September 79¾@79¾, 80¾, 79¾, 80¼c. Corn—No. 2 January 43½, 43¾, 43¼, 43¾c; May 46¾, 47¾, 46¾, 47¼c; July 46¼@46¾, 46¾, 46¼, 46½c. Oats—No. 2 January 36¼, 36¾, 36¼, 36¾; May 39¼, 39¾, 39¼, 39½@39½c; July 36¾, 36¾@36¾, 36¾, 36¼@36¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 90, 12 90, 12 80, 12 80; May $13 12½, 13 30, 13 05, 13 10. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 73½, 6 73½, 6 70, 6 70; May $6 95, 7 00, 6 90, 6 92½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 40, 6 40, 6 32½, 6 25; May $6 62½, 6 70, 6 60, 6 62½.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7 9-16c; mild firm; Cordova quoted at 8¼@11c. The market for coffee futures opened steady and unchanged to 10 points lower, but almost immediately turned firm on a strong demand from Wall street and other interests. The close was firm at an advance of 15 to 25 points. Sales 187,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 8.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices ten points higher; American middling fair 7.32d; good middling 7.16d; middling 7.08d; low middling 7.00d; good ordinary 6.90d; ordinary 6.70d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,400 bales American. Receipts 36,400 bales, all American.

Futures opened steady and closed easy; American middling (g o c): January 7.00d; January and February 6.99d; February and March 6.98d; March and April 6.97d; April and May 6.96@6.97d; May and June 6.96d; June and July 6.94d; July and August 6.92d; August and September 6.77d.

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Jennie Lockwood, 376 tons, Hatchhorn, C D Maffitt.

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1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 180 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Ninth street 166 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south parallel with Eighth street 166 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N. line of Wooster street at a point 180 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 66 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with norther line of Wooster street 66 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 66.

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 8, block 38, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, paral el w th Ninth street 84 feet, with Dawson 72 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 84 feet, east paral el with Dawson street, 33 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 66 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to northern line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, easterly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—, block 67.

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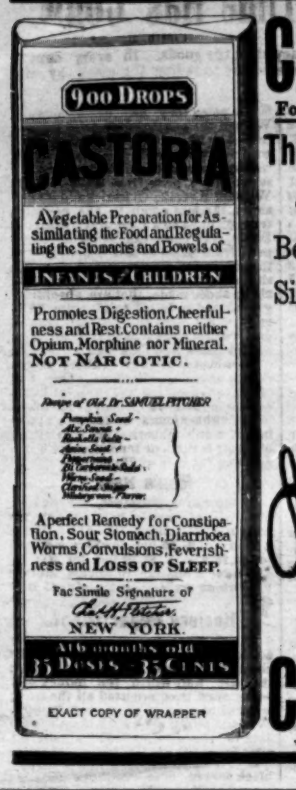
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A PROTECTING FOG

[Original.]

The famous Confederate privateer Alabama has often been called a pirate. However just or unjust the appellation, there was one man aboard her who would have been a most appropriate decoration to a yardarm. This was Dixon, called "Crocky" Dixon. Crocky was a sobriquet that he acquired when it became known that everything weaker than he that came in contact with his powerful jaws must be crushed. He was a mild looking little man, slender as a girl and upon occasion quite as much of a fury as a girl scorned. In 1865, when the Alabama visited the Indian archipelago, Dixon deserted and made things lively for that region for a long time.

The best thing in the way of a cruiser Crocky could get was a small schooner, which he named in honor of his late commander, the Raphael H. Semmes. How or from whom he took her doesn't pertain to this yarn. Dixon was sitting in the cabin one evening at anchor in Singapore strait with a bottle of wine beside him that had been intended for the table of an English nobleman.

There was but one light aboard, and a tarpaulin stretched across the skylight interfered with its being seen. The pirate was waiting for day, and when day came he proposed to snap his jaws above and below a bark that was trying to get through the strait without a pilot and was consequently laying up nights.

It may be supposed that those aboard the said bark, the Pelican, were slumbering, innocent of danger. By no means. Captain Burt had seen the Semmes crawling along the surface of the water the evening before and suspected her. Had she been recognized for a pirate all on board the bark might have taken to the boats during the night. They certainly would have done so, for the captain's daughter, the bride of his second officer, was with him on her wedding trip. Captain Burt decided to send this second officer in charge of four men in the dingey ten miles up the strait to a United States gunboat with a request that the stranger be investigated. That the captain regarded the mission an important one is manifest from his sending the young husband, who would hold the safety of his bride of paramount importance.

When day came the bark was shut in by a fog. But Dixon had noted her position by the compass the night before and, getting up her anchor, proposed to feel for her. Captain Burt had suffered a night of anxiety, and the more he thought of the schooner the more he believed that she was piratically inclined. When he found the mantle of fog thrown over his vessel he gave orders that not a sound should serve as a guide to any one trying to discover her whereabouts.

About eight bells in the morning the captain was standing on the quarter deck, astern, and heard voices and the sound of oars approaching. They grew more distinct, and presently Crocky's voice struck the thick air, a volley of oaths and orders, together with sufficient reference to what he was about, to convince Captain Burt that he was being hunted for by a pirate. The approaching boat or vessel passed perhaps a hundred yards astern of him, and the sounds grew indistinct.

The captain in agony—for he knew the pirates would return—renewed his caution to all aboard his vessel to maintain absolute silence, then waited for the next time the pirate would pass him. Not having a gun aboard, defense would be useless. He did not have to wait long, when Crocky, disgusted at having missed his object, pulled back nearly over the same track, this time passing the bark's stern again and a trifle nearer. Every soul aboard the Pelican now knew that a pirate was passing back and forth in the fog and if their vessel was discovered all would have to walk the plank. As the schooner went by they stood huddled together amidships listening to Crocky Dixon's blood curdling language, not daring to whisper. Fortunately once more he missed them.

When Crocky came back he put his schooner off a few points and passed far beyond the Pelican's bow. It was lucky that he did so, for by this time the fog had perceptibly thinned.

Dixon had slipped his cable on starting out to find the Pelican, and when he pulled back the second time, though he missed the bark again, he ran on to the cable buoy. This was a great advantage. Having the compass direction, he made another effort. Those on board the Pelican when they heard him coming knew by the sound that he would surely strike them. Then it occurred to Captain Burt that there was a tide in the strait, which was then running in, and, though he knew the pirates would hear the cable slide through the hawse pipe, he gave orders to have it slipped. Dixon the moment he heard the sound knew well enough what the captain was about and, calculating on the tide, turned her nose slightly in a curve. On came the pirate, following the exact direction of the drifting Pelican. Captain Burt stepped down from the quarter deck and took his daughter in his arms, convulsed with agony. All hope was gone.

Suddenly every one started. Close by sounded a steam whistle. As suddenly the sound of oars ceased. The whistle sounded again, and at a signal from Captain Burt every one on board the bark set up a united shout. This was answered immediately by three short whistles.

An hour later a puff of wind blew away the fog. Half a mile from the Pelican was the United States gunboat Perry. Just rounding a point seven or eight miles distant was the pirate schooner.

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MORE THAN A MILLION SOLD A DAY.

The Band is the Smoker's Protection.

283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $16.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $3.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1.75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars 39c, $1, $1.50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

129 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,

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COAL, COAL, COAL.

The COAL we are offering at $5.00 per Ton will make you as good a fire, give you as much heat and do you as much service as Coals offered you at higher prices.

When you pay more you are throwing away the difference.

If warmth is what you want our COAL will give it to you.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

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Special Sale of Rubbers

AND SHOES AT REHDER'S TO-DAY.

Women's Rubbers 25, 39 and 50 cents
Men's Rubbers 50 and 65 cents.

Women's Rubbers 39 cents } at Rehder's.
Men's Rubbers 50 cents } at Rehder's.

Everything in Rubbers and Shoes at Rehder's. Men's extra quality storm Rubbers 65 cents the pair; $2.00 heavy Railroad Shoes $1.39 the pair; $3.50 Hand-Sewed Box Calf and Vici Kid Shoes $2.75 the pair.

jan 6 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

To Housekeepers of Wilmington

And adjacent towns. I have secured the service of a competent Upholsterer, and in order to introduce his work, will give special prices during the month of January for any upholstering work, mattress renovating, carpet laying, and house work in all its branches. Hair Mattresses renovated by machinery, which is the only way that it can properly be done. Now is the time to have your old parlor suits, odd chairs, etc., made good as new and your old mattress made a thing of comfort.

CASH | Your House Furnished from top to bottom | CREDIT.

N. F. Parker, 206 North Front Street,

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We Greet You.

Our many friends and patrons, and wish you all a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a continuation of same. We are yours

Very respectfully,

Geo. R. French & Sons.

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A big line of Suits to retail at $10, neat designs and handsome patterns.

Sole Agent for Fechheimer Fishel & Co.'s Line Tailor-made Suits From $12.50 to $20 Per Suit.

Pants to fit anybody, any size and length.

You can save money by seeing our line before purchasing.

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Excerpta Drip Coffee Pot.

Full line of

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ANYTHING YOU NEED IN

Tinware and Stoves.

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J. W. Murchison & Co.,

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Southern Department Candy.
Mixed Candy in 30 lb. Pails.
Broken Mixed Candy, 50 lb. Tubs.
Excelsior Caramels, 15 lb. Pails.
Violet Kisses in 10 lb. Boxes.
Chocolate Sweets in 5 lb. Boxes.
Penny Mixed Cakes.
Pearl Lemon Cakes.
Crown Soda Cakes.
Gem Crackers.
Oyster Crackers.

Call on us or send your orders.

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This beautiful State and Island has been brought within easy reach by the splendid through train service of the

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Winter Tourists Tickets

are now on sale to all points in Florida and to Havana. For rates, schedules, maps, sleeping car and steamship accommodations write to

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"What to say in Spanish and how to say it" sent to any address upon receipt of a two cent stamp.

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SHIPPERS NOTICE.

The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

T. D. LOVE, Agent.

South Atlantic Transit Co.

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For Sale,

One fifteen barrel Turpentine Still, Cap, Arm and Worm complete, in good order.

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LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.60 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
#Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 59 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 51 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 55 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 39 p m	3 20 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 45 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 19 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 37 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	5 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 45 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	8 00 a m	2 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 30 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Lv	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	3 35 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 8:15 p. m. arrive Lumberton 5:38 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p. m. Maxton 6:45 p. m. Gramley 10:45 p. m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p. m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p. m. arrives Lumberton 3:16 a. m. Pembroke 3:35 a. m. Maxton 4:05 a. m. Hamlet 6:00 a. m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a. m. Hamlet 6:40 a. m. arrives Maxton 9:25 a. m. Pembroke 10:02 a. m. Lumberton 10:27 a. m. Wilmington 12:40 p. m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p. m. arrives Maxton 12:35 a. m. Pembroke 1:20 a. m. Lumberton 2:15 a. m. Wilmington 7:00 a. m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 06 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	12 07 p m	1 55 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 33 p m	2 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 00 a m
Ar Atlanta	5 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 05 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 55 a m
Ar Savannah	3 30 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 55 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 40 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 55 p m
Ar Norfolk		

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 05 a m	4 05 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9	3 00
7 05	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 25
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 2.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

The Clyde Steamship Co

New York,

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From New York to Wilmington.

NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Jan. 9
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From Wilmington for New York.

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CARIB.....Tuesday, Jan. 5
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FOR SALE.

I own sixty building lots in the Southern portion of the City of Wilmington which I will sell for cash, prices ranging from $50 to $85. I will give warranty deeds for same. For further particulars you may see my attorney, Geo. M. Howell, at 118½ Princess street.

dec 27 1m MARY McI. HARRIS.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 9.

THE SITUATION IN COTTON.

Market Opened in New York at an Advance—The Close Was Steady at a Further Advance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—With the New Orleans cotton market closed, celebrating the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, the bull force concentrated their energies on Liverpool and New York and bought freely today on the ground that a large short interest had been accumulating lately. Cables that would have matched the New York closing by an advance of only four and a half to five and a half points, had reported a rise of twenty-two points before the opening of business here. This with indications of receipts, prepared the way for a strong opening. Shorts were eager buyers and there was a pretty good showing in the way of wire orders. The market opened at an advance of thirteen to twenty-one points. Houses with New Orleans connections were large buyers.

Later in the session the market became more active and firmer in view of smaller receipts than had been forecasted with the movements for the week falling below that of last year. Confidence was further increased by reports of a still more peaceful tendency to affairs in the Far East. At the best point the market showed a rise of twenty-six and thirty points and was finally very steady at a net gain of twenty-three and twenty-eight points. The volume of business was small, largely owing to the closing of the New Orleans exchange. The sales of the day were estimated at only 400,000 bales.

ON THE S. & O. ROAD.

Passenger Train Wrecked—Four Men Killed and Others Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CUMBERLAND, MD., Jan. 8.—Baltimore and Ohio passenger train No. 4, double-header, ran into a loaded steel coal scow being shifted at Evitt's Creek, one mile below Cumberland to day. The dead are: S. E. Roberts, engineer, Baltimore; H. P. Kirby, fireman, Baltimore; B. F. Keefauver, fireman, Eagles Mills, Md. The injured, both internally, are B. B. Humprey, engineer, Baltimore, and J. K. Conrad, fireman, Cumberland. No passengers were hurt. It is claimed that while the freight conductor was in the tower awaiting orders the engineer began shifting on the main track, contrary to orders, when No. 4 was about due.

THE ASIATIC SQUADRON.

Instructions to Admiral Evans to Keep Out of Japanese and Russian Waters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Far Eastern situation was discussed at the cabinet meeting to day, special consideration being given the movements of the Asiatic squadron, which it is desired shall be so shaped as to emphasize the absolute neutrality of this country in the event of hostilities between Russia and Japan. After the meeting it was announced that orders would be cabled Rear Admiral Evans upon his arrival at Guam to-morrow to proceed thence to Subig Bay, it being desired that the American navy shall observe "good sea manners" by not going to Japanese or Russian waters just now."

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Twenty Men Killed and Forty Others Injured at a Mexican Mine.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8.—At Los Laureles mines, west of Guadalajara, a large number of boxes of dyanmite stored in a powder house exploded, killing twenty men and injuring forty others. The detonations were heard many miles away and an American mine owner, working in his mine three miles away, was killed by a falling rock that had been jarred by the concussion. Details are lacking, but it is reported that the disaster was caused by the explosion of a dynamite cap in the powder house.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, January 8th, 1904.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending January 8th, 1904:

	1904.	1903.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week ...	330,350	269,710
Total receipts to this date	5,458,026	5,219,421
Exports for week..	230,678	227,354
Total exports to date	3,963,615	3,703,543
Stock in all U. S. ports.	881,318	1,065,737
Stock at all interior towns.....	477,928	506,653
Stock in Liverpool,	——	643,000
American afloat for Great Britain ...	——	190,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1903:

Galveston, 1,886,903; New Orleans, 1,394,816; Mobile, 167,068; Savannah, 940,394; Charleston, 189,609; Wilmington, 243,886; Norfolk, 351,833; Baltimore, 14,504; New York, 24,329; Boston, 8,441; Philadelphia, 4,988; Brunswick, 63,060; Pensacola, 89,833; Port Arthur, 40,467; Port Townsend, 21,495; San Francisco, 0,453; El Paso, 400; Eagle Pass, 4,143; Laredo, 4,440; Newport News, 3,761. Total, 5,458,026.

Wonderful Nerve

is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there is no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It is the best salve on earth for piles, too. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT FOR PEACE

The Japanese Government Has Determined to Continue Negotiations With Russia.

WILL LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

During the Interim a Breach of the Peace Is Very Improbable—British Government Is Continuing Efforts in Interests of Peace

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Jan. 8.—The Japanese government has practically determined to continue negotiations. It is dissatisfied with Russia's terms, but does not feel warranted in issuing an ultimatum or breaking off negotiations, and will make another effort to secure their modification before resorting to force. It is anticipated that the discussion will consume a few weeks, during which interim a breach of the peace is very improbable.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A special dispatch from Toki, under to-day's date, after recording the Russian reply, adds:

"Diplomacy has not had its last word, and there are still hopes that hostilities may be averted. From the Russian legation it is announced that the negotiations continue."

The Russian ambassador, Count Benkerdorff, and the Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, visited the foreign office to-day and had half hour conferences with Lord Lansdowne, to whom the text of the Russian reply to Japan was communicated.

The British government is continuing its efforts in the interests of peace.

Russia's Concessions.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The Associated Press learns that in the opinion of the French government there is still a chance of avoiding a conflict between Russia and Japan, as a result of a concession made by Russia in her latest note. The dispatches which have come to Paris from all quarters to-day have been most pessimistic, and the hopefulness of the government is in strong contrast with them.

It appears that Russia's concession relates to the recognition of the preponderance of the interests of Japan in Corea. This has been the crux of the question between the two powers up to the present moment. Just how far the concession goes, it is impossible to ascertain, but the effect in Tokio according to the information obtained, has been more satisfactory than the press dispatches show, and it is believed the negotiations will continue.

Hong Kong Garrison.

HONG KONG, Jan. 8.—A detachment of 250 men of the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire regiments) forming part of the garrison of Hong Kong, has suddenly been warned to be in readiness for active service. The destination of the troops has not been divulged. The authorities refuse all information on the subject, but it is presumed the troops are going to Pekin or Seoul. The detachment is ready and other transport arrangements have been completed.

Discredited Rumor.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Kobe correspondent of the *Daily Express* sends a scare rumor to the effect that a collision between the Russian and Japanese fleets has taken place near the Islands of Tausima, in the strait of Corea. This rumor is not mentioned in any other source, and in view of the fact that the Japanese government is exercising a censorship of all news concerning naval matters, it may be safely disregarded.

British Warships.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British home fleet left Portland to-day for the Spanish coast, after coaling to the full capacity. The fleet will thus be in readiness to replace the Channel squadron in the event of the latter being required to fill up vacancies in the Mediterranean squadron, should vessels be ordered thence to the Far East.

At Seoul,

SEOUL, COREA, Jan. 8.—An Italian cruiser has arrived in the harbor of Chemulpo and a German warship is expected there.

The legations are all guarded by detachments of marines belonging to various nations.

It is anticipated that in the event of a military revolt the Emperor will take refuge in one of the European legations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 8.—Mr. Kurino, the Japanese minister, to-night authorized the Associated Press to say that the Japanese government still was doing everything in its power in the interests of peace and that all reports about the sending of troops to Corea were without foundation. Minister Kurino said he thought that the negotiations had made some progress.

THE MEMPHIS ELECTION.

Rioting All Over the City—Ballots Burned Two Men Shot.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Jan. 8.—Although twenty-four hours have passed since the close of the city election, the result still is in doubt. A legal contest over several of the offices is probable and the latest developments show that the election was signalized by the most irregular and riotous scenes of rioting in any political contest in many years. In the tenth ward the ballot box was stolen, the ballots burned and two men shot, one seriously, in a room where the votes were being counted. Gross irregularities are alleged in the fourth and fifth wards and cutting scrapes are reported from all parts of city. All kinds of wild rumors are current to-night, but the more conservative are inclined to believe that no further violence need be anticipated and that the candidates will quietly submit to the result of the official count next Monday, and where the situation may seem to require, resort to settlements in the courts.

S. A. L. SURGEONS.

Convention in Jacksonville — Papers Read—Officers Elected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Jan. 8.—Surgeons who serve the Seaboard Air Line are meeting here in convention. Dr. W. T. Stanley, claim agent of the Seaboard, with headquarters at Portsmouth, Va., presided. Dr. J. D. Love delivered the address of welcome and Dr. J. W. Halmer, of Georgia, responded. The morning session was devoted to the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. A number of papers were read during the afternoon. Officers were elected as follows: Dr. J. M. Burke, of Petersburg, president; Dr. G. A. Nuefaser, Abbeville, S. C., first vice president; Dr. H. E Palmer, Tallahassee, Fla., second vice president; Dr. J. V. Bryant, of Franklin, Va., fourth vice president.

SEABOARD AIR LINE TO ISSUE BONDS.

Directors Approve the Plan for Five Million Dollars Three Year Collateral Trust Bonds.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 8.—The directors of the Seaboard Air Line at a meeting held here to-day approved the plan to issue $5,000,000 of three year collateral trust bonds.

The bonds are to bear interest at five per cent. Of the total issue of $5,000,000, $2,500,000 are to be for general corporate purposes, the balance to take up and provide for $2,500,000 notes recently issued.

Half of the new bonds will be used for further construction of the Birmingham extension, current obligations and improvements generally. Holders of voting trust certificates now outstanding will have the privilege of subscribing to the extent of ten per cent. par value of the holdings for $5,000,000 of the bonds at par, and will receive voting trust certificates for about 45,000 shares of preferred and 80,000 shares of common stock. Under the proposed issue each holder of voting trust certificates for every one hundred shares will be entitled to subscribe $1,000 and will receive a $1,000 bond and voting trust certificates for nine shares of common stock. The voting trust certificates will not be deliverable, however, until freed from all liens.

Blair & Company, Thomas F. Ryan and T. J. Coolidge, Jr., have organized a syndicate to take all of the $5,000,000 bonds that shall not be subscribed for by the certificate holders.

The bonds are to be a general mortgage upon all the property of the company, and will be secured by a mortgage and collateral trust agreement to the Continental Trust Company of this city. They will constitute, in effect, a lien upon practically all loans now outstanding.

Holders of voting trust certificates are asked to consent to the proposed mortgage, and a meeting for this purpose will be held at Portsmouth, Va., on February 3rd. Stockholders also will meet at the same time and place.

Subscriptions will be payable in four installments: The first 30 per cent. on Feb. 27th; the second 20 per cent. on March 28th; third 20 per cent. on April 28th; fourth 30 per cent. May 28th. Pre-payment of subscriptions will be allowed, and the first coupons will be payable September 1st.

The circular, which is signed by President Barr, and is addressed to holders of common and preferred stock, as well as to holders of voting trust certificates, says:

"Such inquiry as the new interests in the company (Thos. F. Ryan and Blair & Company,) have been able to make up to this time has convinced them that the money they have raised ($2,500,000 loan of Dec. 1st, 1903,) is not sufficient for the present needs of the company."

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Bradstreet Reports Interests Catering to Southern Trade Expecting an Enormous Cotton Acreage This Spring.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

The new year opens quietly, but with satisfactory feelings predominating. Cold, stormy weather has retarded business and transportation, but in some sections has stimulated sales of heavy goods, shoes and rubbers at retail. Wholesale business is seasonably quiet at Eastern and Central Western markets, but it is worth noting that Spring demands and shipments have begun at the Southwest. Collections show a slight improvement and money is easing, supplies of that commodity being in better supply than heretofore. Preparations for Spring are going forward actively and with a good show of conservative confidence.

War talk has been a stimulus to many markets, notably those for cereals and provisions, but securities and cotton have been depressed thereby. Western and Southern plow manufacturers are buying more freely and interests catering to Southern trade began to run over time to fill orders, based upon an expected enormous acreage of cotton the coming Spring.

The final returns of 1903 are fully as good as those foreshadowed in earlier weeks. December, 1903, railway earnings indicate a seven per cent. increase over the excellent returns of 1902.

Business failures for the week ending January 7 number 262, against 336 in the like week in 1903.

DEEP WATER SHIP CANAL.

Movement Begun to Have the Federal Government Deepen the Present Canal Across the Delaware Peninsula.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Jan. 8.—A company of men prominent in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, the five States which border on the Delaware or the Chesapeake waterways, were brought together to-night at a dinner given by the Wilmington Board of Trade. This organization arranged the occasion to begin the system of organizing a movement to have the Federal government convert the shallow canal across the Delaware peninsula which connects the Delaware river and Chesapeake bay into a deep water ship canal adequate for all purposes. It is expected that the five States named will co-operate in the movement. Judge George Gray presided and made a brief address. Among those present were former Postmaster General Chas. Emory Smith, of Philadelphia; United States senators and other members of Congress from the States interested, and leading citizens of Philadelphia and Baltimore. The speakers included Mr. Smith, ex-U. S. Senator Anthony Hibbins, Alfred O. Crozier, of this city, and President Randall, of the National Board of Trade.

GEN. JNO. B. GORDON.

Aged Confederate Veteran's Condition Was Unchanged at Last Accounts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MIANIA, FLA., Jan. 8.—The following bulletin was issued by Drs. Gramlin and Jackson at six P. M.

"General John B. Gordon has passed a restless afternoon with considerable pain in stomach. Temperature has risen to 102 2 5 with irregular and weak pulse. At this time he is resting more quietly than any time since noon."

The following bulletin was issued at 11 o'clock to-night: "General Gordon's condition: Temperature 101 2-5; pulse 96. Much pain in stomach, restless at intervals. Delirious."

POSTAL FRAUDS DEBATE IN SENATE

Mr. Simmons of North Carolina Insisted There Should be an Investigation.

HIS SPEECH ON THE SUBJECT

It Was Apparent, He Said, that No Further Investigation Would be Permitted on the Eve of a Presidential Election.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Alleged postoffice frauds were under discussion in the Senate to-day, the subject being opened in a set speech by Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, who insisted there should be an investigation by the Senate into the charges. Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, denied that the Republicans were trying to cover up any wrong doing in the Postoffice Department, and said they were simply contending that the postoffice committee should ascertain what was to be investigated. The discussion was participated in by Messrs. Burrows, Dolliver and Quarles, on the Republican side, and Messrs. Carmack, Tillman and Teller, of the Democratic side.

Mr. Simmons said it was clearly the purpose of the Republicans not to permit any further inquiry into the frauds and scandals of the department. He predicted that when the resolutions came back to the Senate committee they would be defeated by practically the unanimous vote of the Republicans. It was apparent, he said, that no further investigation would be permitted on the eve of a presidential election.

Mr. Simmons made the point that the frauds exposed by Mr. Bristow, in nearly every instance for a civil liability and that government funds which had been wasted should be recovered in a court of law.

Mr. Tillman said that a number of years ago he had asked that rural free delivery boxes be supplied to farmers at cost and that he had submitted a sample box which sold for fifty cents. This box, said Mr. Tillman, was furnished later at $1.25 and $1.50 each. He wanted to know whether any investigation of this case had been made.

Mr. Simmons answered that the Bristow report exposed many such cases.

Mr. Simmons referred to former Assistant Postmaster General Heath and said that there was every reason why an inquiry should be directed to finding out what his connections were with the postoffice scandals. He did not say Perry Heath was guilty, but if he was not connected with the frauds he was surrounded by the most curious set of circumstances that had ever been known. Mr. Simmons also criticised former Postmaster General Smith, because he did not investigate the Tulloch charges. Speaking of Mr. Tulloch's experience in the Postoffice Department, Mr. Simmons said:

"Who knows but what his dismissal was for the purpose of intimidating employes who might have had information for the exposure of frauds."

When Mr. Simmons concluded, Mr. Platt (Conn.) said it had been charged by the Democratic senators in direct terms that if an investigation is not had, it would be because the Republicans objected to the investigation. He said that such was not the case; that what the Republicans demanded was that the Postoffice Committee should conduct an inquiry to determine whether a congressional investigation is necessary.

Exception to the Republican position was taken by Mr. Carmack, who said that the Democrats are not agreed to leave the matter entirely to the Committee on Postoffice and Postroads. "We admit," he said, "that Mr. Bristow's investigation was thorough as far as it went, but we deny that it was elaborate or comprehensive."

Mr. Tillman charged that the opposition to an investigation was characterized by partisanship. There was an apparent attempt at congressional smothering. He did not see how honest men could stand up in the face of public sentiment and try to prevent an investigation, and allow the statute of limitations to "prevent the prosecution of the rascals."

Mr. Quarles criticised the remarks made by Mr. Carmack concerning the postmaster general, and Mr. Carmack explained that he referred to Mr. Payne's predecessor. "In respect to the Tulloch charges," said Mr. Carmack, "I do not think the present postmaster general was so diligent as he might have been. Perhaps he relied too much upon what had been the course of his predecessor."

Mr. Dolliver said the disclosures of corruption in the Postoffice Department, instead of convincing him that general investigation is necessary, has had the effect of showing that the business departments of the government have been well conducted.

Mr. Tillman asked why it is that Republicans were so anxious to prevent an investigation. "We are trying to turn out the rascals," said he, "while you are trying to keep them in. You have much to gain by refusing to shed light on the department. We have much to gain by exposing corruption." Before an answer was made to the question, Mr. Tillman at the top of his voice propounded another question: "What about those rural free delivery boxes? The man who had that business in charge has not been investigated."

"You can't convince the chief of the rural free delivery service that he has not been investigated," responded Mr. Dolliver.

"No, the inquiry concerning the boxes was confined to boxes for cities," said Mr. Tillman. "And what about Mr. Heath? Bristow says he needs investigating, but you could not convince Mr. Heath of that, either, I suppose."

Mr. Dolliver replied that he had read Bristow's report and had found no charge that Mr. Heath needed investigating. Mr. Tillman started to read the references to Mr. Heath and while looking for the place, said caustically, "Well, if he was not besmirched by the report he was tattooed; he is a tattooed man."

Mr. Teller said that the only suggestion of a political purpose in an investigation had come from the Republicans. He said there was a general public demand for the investigation.

"If it is not made in accordance with this demand," he said, "you will hear such a roar as will make you tremble in your seats."

House of Representatives.

The House to-day made available the sum of $250,000 to be used to meet the emergency caused by the ravages of the cotton boll weevil and other insects and diseases affecting cotton. The measure had the support of both sides and was adopted without division. The sum is diverted from the half million dollars appropriated last year to eradicate diseases among cattle.

Mr. Burleson, of Texas, explained that the bill simply diverted money heretofore appropriated for another purpose and did not make a new appropriation. He urged the importance of the passage of the bill to the cotton growing sections, from the history of the boll weevil and what it has done.

Mr. Gillette, of Massachusetts, called attention to another insect—the gypsy moth—which had been brought to New England and which he said was equally dangerous and should receive attention with a view to its extermination.

Mr. Robinson, of Arkansas, spoke for the bill. Mr. Slayden, of Texas, in urging its passage said he hoped the bill would not be jeopardized by amendments.

Mr. Gardner, of Michigan, said he believed it would be establishing a bad precedent to pass the bill.

Mr. Gillette, of Massachusetts, offered an amendment for an additional appropriation of $250,000 for the eradication of the Egyptian moth.

The Speaker sustained a point of order against the amendment and the bill was passed without division. It provides that the sum made available may be expended by the secretary of agriculture in such manner as he may deem best in co-operation with State experiment stations and practical cotton growers if the secretary of agriculture shall deem it advisable to meet the emergency caused by the ravages of the cotton boll weevil and other insects affecting cotton.

Pension bills to the number of 115 were considered in Committee of the Whole and passed.

The House adjourned until Monday.

DEMOCRATIC LOVE FEAST.

Leaders of Two Wings of the Party in Philadelphia Brought Together—Celebration of Jackson Day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—The principal leaders of the two wings of the Democratic party of Philadelphia were brought together to-night by the Old Hickory Club, which gave a dinner in celebration of Jackson Day. Democrats of prominence throughout the State and several members of Congress were present. Letters of regret from ex-President Cleveland, U. S. Senators McCreary, of Kentucky, and Tillman, of South Carolina, David B. Hill and W. Bourke Cochran, were read.

Mr. Cleveland's letter was dated December 26th, and stated that other engagements prevented his attendance. He said: "Of course I need not tell you how fully I am in sympathy with the objects and purposes of the club, and how fully I believe in the usefulness of its efforts in the cause of true Democracy."

Mr. Hill in his letter said: "The best interests of the country require a change of administration. The people want sanity rather than hysteria in the management of public affairs; stability rather than fickleness; honorable diplomacy rather than international intrigue; straight-forwardness rather than fakerism, and honesty rather than corruption. With wise counsels, live issues, conservative candidates and unity of action the Democracy can win the contest of 1904."

Senator Tillman, in sending his regrets, said: "The sentiment which I would propose to the Democrats who will honor the memory of Jackson at the banquet Friday next would be this: The Democratic party will live as long as it deserves to, and will command the support of a majority of the people when it shall demonstrate its adherence to the grand principles of the fathers. When we stand for the people and their rights in a manner so unmistakably that they cannot be mislead, the people will support the party in preference to any other.

"The two wings of the party must 'flap together' if we are to make any progress. We must ignore past differences on matters of policy, but no candidate can succeed who is obnoxious to the South and West, just as no candidate has succeeded who was obnoxious to the East. We must find a man who can command the respect and loyal support of all patriots, and with such a man we will win, because the times are threatening, and all conservative men without regard to party will support such a candidate.

"Pennsylvania Democrats cannot give us any electoral votes. Let them not undertake to dictate a policy or present a candidate who can only revive the bitterness of the past and make success impossible."

ON THE A. C. L.

Two Freight Trains in Collision—Engineer Tim Welch Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ORANGE PARK, FLA., Jan. 8.—In a collision between two freight trains on the Atlantic Coast Line at this place at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Engineer Tim Welch, of train No. 332 was killed. An extra freight train south bound ran into the engine of No. 332 north bound, as the latter was backing in the blind siding. Both engines were badly damaged. No one besides Welch was injured.

Colonel W. H. Leaken, an attorney of Savannah, Ga., has been appointed special assistant attorney general. Colonel Leaken will have charge of important cases for the government in the Gulf States.

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of Wilmington. N. C., will be held at their Banking House Tuesday, January 12th, at 12 o'clock noon. jan 3 tf

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DIETRICH DISCHARGED

Court Decided He Was Not a Senator at Time Alleged Acts Occurred.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 8.—The trial of Senator Chas. H. Dietrich, for alleged bribery in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at Hastings, Neb., came to an abrupt end today, when the United States Circuit Court, Judge Van de Vanter presiding, decided that Dietrich was not a senator at the time the alleged acts occurred. The opinion was a lengthy one and is said to be a precedent. Upon this decision District Attorney Summers entered a nolle in other cases against the senator, with the statement that the construction placed on the law by the court precluded further proceedings against either Senator Dietrich or Postmaster Fisher, both of whom were discharged.

WARM WIRELETS.

The directors of the Louisville and Nashville railroad declared the regular 2½ semi annual dividend yesterday.

The commissioner of internal revenue has decided that it is permissable for State prisons to manufacture tobacco or cigars for its own inmates without paying license.

It is semi-officially announced that all is quiet at Kishineff. The military and police forces there have been increased for the purposes of protection, but this is usual in the case of all holidays.

Rev. B. A. Cherry, of Winchester, Tenn., has been found guilty of subornation of perjury and sentenced to three years imprisonment. He was charged with an attempt to collect insurance for furniture alleged to have been burned, but which he really never possessed.

The Atlantic training squadron at Pensacola, composed of the Minneapolis, Columbia, Yankee and Hartford, sailed yesterday for Guantanamo from which point it will proceed to Panama to relieve vessels now stationed there. The squadron will return to Pensacola within a month if the situation at Panama will permit.

The Japanese government has secured an option on the new Turkish cruiser Medjidie, now being hurried to completion in the Cramps' shipyard. Both the Russian and Japanese governments have been negotiating with the Sultan for the cruiser for a month or more, bidding higher and higher, as the war fever increased, until, it is claimed, the Japanese offered $500,000 more than the cruiser cost, after which the Russians withdrew. The Medjidie cost about $2,000,000.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Wanted at Virginia House—Steady, sober gentlemen boarders. No others need apply. 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 29 1m*

Wanted—A boy that has had some experience in collecting and some knowledge of office work. None need apply unless he wants and needs a position. There is something in the future for the right boy. Address, Business Manager, care STAR office. jan 9 3t

Seed Rice—For sale in lots to suit; 500 bushels Golden Seed Rice, grown on Big Island virgin soil, from Nesbitt's best quality of seed. Alex. Sprunt & Son. jan 7 Dsw wsw th sat

Mrs. Andrew J. Howell, Jr., instructor in short hand and typewriting. jan 7 3t.

Lost—A pair of spectacles in case having on it name of George Honnet. Aluminum frames. Reasonable reward for delivery at the STAR office. jan 5 3t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 10 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 13 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Sellers, Wilmington, N. C. dec 8 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 16 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

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Stock Taking Time Has Come.

We would rather have the money than the goods. In every department this week we will make a special effort to reduce the stock by cutting the prices.

In our Cloak Department we have a nice line of cloaks just received that are $5 values that we will sell at $3.25. We also have a very good line of cloaks that we are selling at $5. The military cloaks, the latest and newest goods out, with brass buttons, which we sold at $8, we will now sell at $6 50.

We have a good many Furs left that we are trying to unload before the season is over. In this department we are offering a special discount of 15 per cent. on the entire line, making our $1 furs sell for 85c., and a $3 fur for $2 55; a $5 fur for $4 25.

In infants and small children's cloaks we have advertised very strongly, but we want to sell the goods, as we have too many of them. In this Department we will offer 15 per cent. discount on our wholesale prices, and we have them at all prices from 50c. to $4 50. The long cashmere cloaks for small infants, nicely trimmed in silk and braid at $1.25 each, less 15 per cent.

Silk and Wool Baby Caps.

In this department we have wool hoods for 10c. each. A beautiful wool hood finished in silk for 25c. each. Children's silk bonnets at 50c. each; beautiful silk caps at 25c., 35c. and 50c. each.

Blankets.

Blankets we have at all prices. Cotton Blankets as low as 40c each and a good Blanket to close out at 75c a pair; our $1.25 Cotton Blankets we will sell at $1.00. Elkins Mills all-wool Blankets we want to close out, as we have a very few left and we will sell the 10 quarter Blankets for $3.25, regular price $4 00. Our Chesterfield 12-quarter Blankets, the finest Blankets sold in the city, worth $7.50 a pair, our price $5 00 a pair. In Comforts we have a good 50c Comfort we will sell at 38c, and a $1.00 Comfort for 75.

Christmas Goods.

We have only a few left, but what we have is new and desirable goods. We will sell one-fourth less than first price. A $1.00 article we will sell at 75 cents.

Felt Slippers for Ladies and Children.

We have them at all prices, from 30c to $1.25. In our Shoe Department we handle a strong line of Ladies' Shoes. Our Southern Belle is $1.50 and our Vicious is $1.50. Both kinds are fully guaranteed to look well and wear well. If they do not give perfect satisfaction with reasonable wear we will gladly give a new pair in exchange. In our small Children's shoe department we handle the Lilliputian line. They are just as soft as gloves, solid leather and only 50c a pair; they are little beauties. We sell the youths' shoe, solid leather, from 3 to 5½ at $1 a pair; they look well and wear well. In men's shoes, we handle a full line of Scow's hand sewed shoes, price from $2.25 to $3 50. William Kneeland's fine hand sewed shoes, the best goods in the country, from $3 to $4.50 a pair, and we sell the Battle Axe shoe, all solid in every part, from $1.25 to $3 a pair; we sell the Heart and Arrow brand of men's shoes that are the best wearers in cheap shoes made, that are absolutely guaranteed to be all solid, from $1 25 to $2. We also sell a full line of men's shoes at $1 a pair; they are nice, stylish shoes and look well.

In rubbers, we have rubber boots; rubber shoes in all grades. One box of rubber shoes for children at 10c a pair; one lot at 15c a pair; one lot of ladies' rubber shoes at 15c a pair; one box of men's rubbers at 25c a pair; our best storm rubbers for ladies at 50c a pair and for men at 75c a pair.

Men's Hats.

In the hat department, we have a big line of men's hats, which we bought at half price. We will sell you a beautiful $1.25 hat for 75c; a $3 hat for $1.25 and a $1.50 hat for $1; we also have a big line of men's sample hats which we sell absolutely at first cost.

Hosiery Department.

In this department we have recently added a line of Fay Stockings for children, prices 23, 35 and 40c a pair; they are well worth the money and when once tried are used all the time; we will be glad to show them to you. We still sell the best children's hose sold in the city for 10c. a pair, all sizes from 5 to 9½, fast black and seamless. We also handle a line of heavy black school hose for boys in sizes from 5 to 9½ at 12½c. a pair. In ladies heavy ribbed black hose with tight fitting ankles and prettily shaped we have them at 15c. a pair. We also handle a full line for women, children and men hose for 5c. a pair.

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